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6. [] In response to his request of yesterday, I met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the blind memorandum of 11 February commenting on the [] article in the New York Times of 11 February. Mr. Blandford had no further questions and the memorandum was returned to the Agency. Mr. Blandford noted during our conversation that Chairman Rivers will be back in the office in the morning and he suggested that I might want to take the opportunity to brief the Chairman on the current situation in Laos and such other matters we feel should be brought to his attention.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items of current intelligence interest:

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- a. []
 - b. Soviet nuclear tests;
 - c. Communist tank and armor supported action into

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7. [] Arlene Branca, in the office of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), called for information on an Agency employee missing in Vietnam. Miss Branca explained that the employee's sister works in the Senator's office, had not heard anything for some time now, and wanted to know if there were any new developments. After checking with [] in the Office of Personnel, I met with Miss Branca and told her we had no new information; we are in frequent contact with the employee's wife, and that the sister's husband is in touch with us from time to time. I stressed the importance of maintaining secrecy of the Agency relationship aspect which she appeared to fully appreciate. She said that a rift between the wife and sister may explain the sister's feeling of being left out and that she had entered the picture only because Miss Peggy Raynor, the Senator's personal secretary with whom we had previously dealt on this case, was out ill.

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25X1 10. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him in general terms on the current situation in Laos. Mr. Preston will brief Chairman Mahon on Laos on his return. I also reviewed with Mr. Preston the Agency comments on the Soviet satellite destroyer article in the New York Times of 6 February and the Agency memorandum of 4 February on [] Mr. Preston is looking forward to his visit to the Agency in the morning.

25X1C I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items of current intelligence interest:

a. ChiCom improvement of defensive installations along Soviet-Manchurian border;

b. Y-class submarine from northern fleet to North Atlantic patrol.

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